

REMARKS

Claims 1-6, 8-9, 13-15, and 41-43 are currently pending. Claims 7, 10-12, and 16-40 have been cancelled and claim 43 has been added.

The Examiner has identified in the application the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention:

Species I, which claim 7 is readable on;

Species II of Fig. 4, which claims 8 and 9 are readable on;

Species III, which claim 10 is readable on;

Species IV of Fig. 8, which claims 11 and 12 are readable on;

Species V of Figs. 10 and 11, which claim 16 is readable on; and

Species VI of Fig. 12, which claim 17 is readable on.

The Examiner has required election of one of the species for prosecution. In response to the restriction requirement, Applicants elect to prosecute Species II. Claims 1-6, 8-9, 13-15, and 41-43 read on Species II and, as noted by the Examiner, at least claim 1 is generic. Applicants believe that claims 1-6, 13-15, and 41-43 are generic as they read on each and every species identified by the Examiner.

Applicants reserve the right to file divisional applications directed to the non-elected claims at a later date.

CONCLUSION

Applicants elect to prosecute the invention Species II including claims 1-6, 8-9, 13-15, and 41-43.

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